

State Energy Office for 4 years. I was also with Bowater Paper Company for about 1 1/2 years between those two assignments.

I was always interested in flying. In high school I built flying models and shortly after moving to Greenville I took flying lessons on the G. I. Bill. I got my license and continued flying while in Wisconsin. When the G.I. Bill ran out, some friends and I bought an airplane and I still continued flying, amassing some 160 hours of time flying time. If the flight strip had been built on the farm while I was still contemplating an engineering career, I might still be there.

I was active in the Farmville First Christian Church while in high school. I sang in the choir and played the tuba in the high school band. When I moved to Greenville, SC, I attended the Fourth Presbyterian Church and John Knox Presbyterian Church where I sang in the choir and served as deacon and elder. I was a member of the Pleasantburg Sertoma Club, the Society of Engineers (President of the local chapter), Scout leader, PTA (President at League Middle School), SC Board for Barrier Free Design, SC Building Codes Council, School Improvement Council (Wade Hampton High School), Senior Projects judge at the Greenville Tech Charter High School, Advisory Board for the Greenville Hospital System, etc. I was awarded the Order of the Palmetto when I retired from the State.

My interests are my family, my church, music, cooking and entertaining people, flying, sailing, telling jokes, and just being with people. I have enjoyed corresponding with family and friends either by letter or e-mail. Some of my most enjoyable times were spent with that activity. In retirement, I have taken courses in the Furman University Learning in Retirement program in a variety of subjects; especially courses in writing.

I especially enjoy making things in the shop with our grandsons. We have made go carts, airplanes, swords, boats, and rubber band guns; just to name a few. It is interesting to see them grasp what a tool is used for and how to use it safely. Maybe that harkens back to older generations of blacksmiths, foundry owners, engineers, and inventive farmers.